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REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant Amendment, claims 1-34 are pending. Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claims 1-5, 14-20, and 22-24 were indicated to be allowable. Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claims 6-13, 21 and 25-32 and 34 were indicated to be allowable if amended to overcome the objections set forth in the Office Action (The reference to claim 33 is paragraph 7 and omission of claim 34 appear to be erroneous). The claims have been so amended and thus should be allowable. Claim 33 has been amended to more particularly point out applicants' invention.

Claims 6, 8-10, 21, 25, 26, 30, and 34 were objected to because of various informalities. The claims have been amended in accordance with the suggestions in paragraph 3 of the Official Action. Thus, the objections are obviated.

Claim 33 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Doshi et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,529,499 ("Doshi"). In order for there to be anticipation, each and every element of the claimed invention must be present in a single, prior reference. Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Doshi.

Claim 33 has been amended to recite that the gateway is a TFA gateway, and that TFA devices and ToL devices are both operable on the local area network. As discussed in response to the previous Official Action, Doshi relates to a "virtual provisioning server" for use in an IP network. The virtual provisioning server relates to providing signaling gateways with IP network bandwidth information. However, the signaling gateways are not TFA gateways, as generally recited in the claims at issue. Nor does Doshi provide for TFA devices and ToL devices on the same network.

More particularly, the signaling gateways of Doshi relate to interfacing SS7 signaling to IP network signaling. That is, the signaling gateways of Doshi relate to interfacing a non-IP telephony to IP telephony on an IP network. The present invention, however, relates, inter alia, to accommodating IP telephony of differing types on a same LAN. That is, implementations of the teachings of the present invention allow for TFA telephones and ToL telephones to be accommodated on a same LAN. Doshi does not

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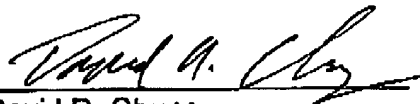
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even appear to recognize that running differing telephones on a same LAN can be problematic. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully requested,

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